

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 11 with the following rewritten paragraph.

-- Referring now to the drawings, Fig. 1 shows a standard prior art airlock configuration comprising a protected space 2, an airlock space 4, an NBC filter 6, an exhaust valve 8 and an overpressure valve 10, used in shelters. Persons entering or leaving the protected space 2 of the shelter have to pass the airlock space 4 and keep one of both doors 12, 14 closed all the time during protection mode. Furthermore, they have to wait in the airlock space 4 for a certain period of time to be cleansed by the airflow passing from the protected space 2 to the airlock space 4 via the valves 8 and 10, until they can open the second door 14 to enter the protected space 2, in order to avoid bringing contaminated air with them into the shelter.